GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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DECLINE IN TRADERS VISITED IN IITF
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the number of traders visiting the Twenty Second India International Trade Fair held in the Pragati Maidan this year has reduced to nearly half of the number as compared to the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the India Trade Promotion Organisation has taken any concrete steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether fees was charged from the visitors for making announcement in regard to the lost children and relatives and exorbitant rates were charged from the consumers for eatables sold at the stalls; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2002 was visited by more than 2 lakh traders including foreign delegates as compared to 1.5 lakh such visitors during IITF 2001.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) No fee is charged for making the following types of announcements :

(i) Cases of missing school children coming in a group.

(ii) Children separated from families.

(iii) Announcements requested by senior citizens/handicapped persons.

(iv) Cases of items lost and found.

(v) Emergency announcements like death or mishap etc. in the family of any visitor, information of which is received in the Central Control Room.

As regards exorbitant rates charged for eatables, a few instances of overcharging came to notice following which all the owners of stalls were directed to ensure display of their rates at prominent places in the restaurants/vending points. They were also informed that a serious view will be taken if any further complaint relating to overcharging is received from a customer.